

Using IP Assets Management to Maximize Return in R&D Investment

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Challenges Facing R&D in Developing Countries

Underinvestment in R&D

Lack of returns on investment made

Low awareness of IP

Sponsored research
- Lack of IP policies

Low IP management capacity

"Brain drain" to developed countries

Isolation - difficulties in interdisciplinary R&D

Start Stage (Network Creation)

INCOME FLOWS

R&D NETWORKS

Development Banks/ Agencies Loans/Grants

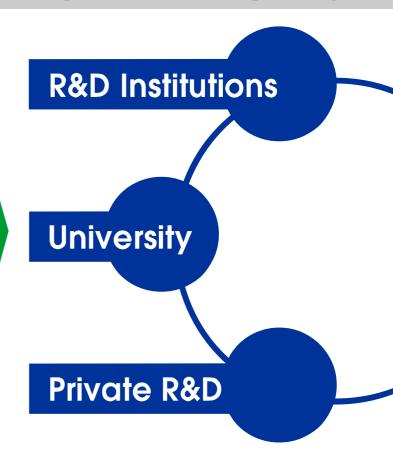
Goverment Support/Taxation

Charitable/Non-Profit Foundation

Private Funding

Venture Capital Fund

Internet Transaction Fund



Growth Stage (IP Hub Supporting the R&D Network)

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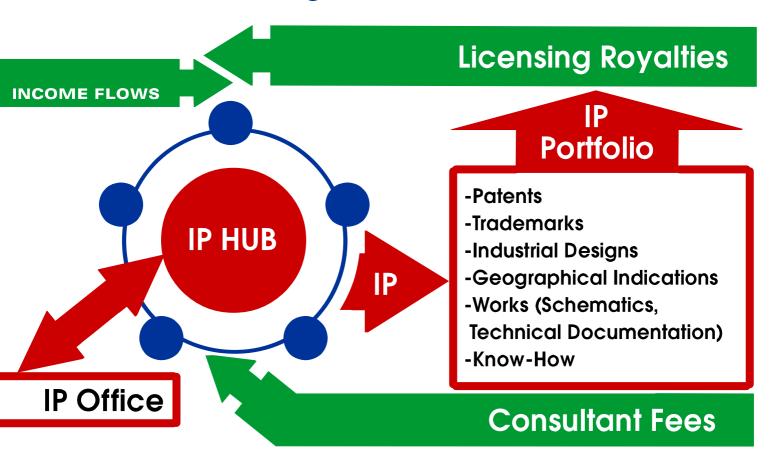
IP Office

- -Registration
- -Outreach
- -Search and examination
- -Training coordination

IP HUB

- -Legal support
- -Technical information
- -Marketing services
- -Licensing

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Benefits of an IP-R&D Network

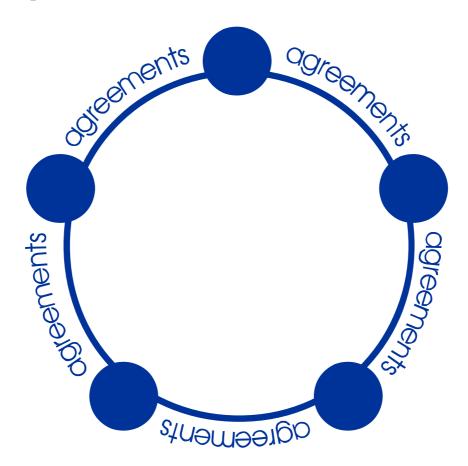
IP HUB



- -Leveraging cost of IP management
- -Sharing resources, e.g, professors, IT, data, pre-existing IP
- -Solution of needs
- -Research acceleration/increased level of innovation
- -Critical mass in IP portfolio for licensing and joint ventures
- -"Brain Drain" reduction/cure
- -Creation of expertise and human capital development
- -Job creation
- -Public (IP) awareness & Cultural identity
- -Creation of IP markets

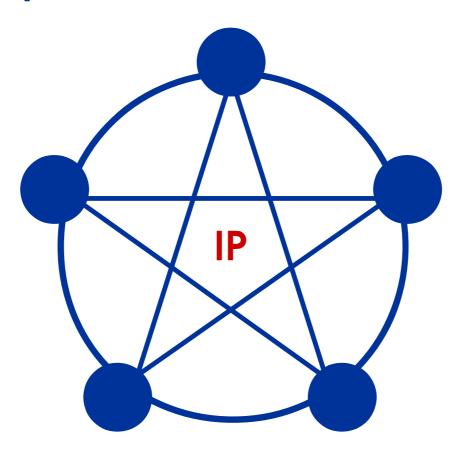


Steps for an IP-R&D Network



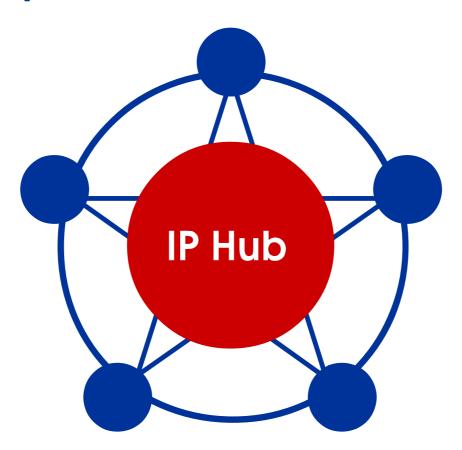
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Establishment of IP-related frameworks and policies

Steps for an IP-R&D Network



Creation of an IP Hub: Training human resources

Why IP/R&D/Economic Development Work Together

Without IP

- -risk of loss of economic value of R&D
- -difficult to commercialize R&D results
- -investment in commercial application is discouraged With IP
 - -amortization of and return on R&D investment
 - -developing countries become asset owners
 - -partnerships/agreements that facilitate technology transfer
 - -human capital development and jobs
 - -gives science professionals incentives
 - -entry into local manufacturing to provide needed goods
 - -competition and innovation